

## **7.0 Agencies Consulted**

NNSA, as the lead agency for the preparation of this EA, invited Los Alamos County, Santa Fe National Forest, Bandelier National Monument, and the four Accord Pueblos of San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Jemez, and Cochiti to be cooperating agencies. The National Park Service is a cooperating agency and staff from Bandelier National Monument participated in the scoping and preparation of this EA. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service also participated in the preparation of the EA, but not as an official cooperating agency. This was also the case for Los Alamos County, which had parks and open space staff and appointed board members participate in the EA's preparation. San Ildefonso and Santa Clara Pueblos were also consulted and participated by attending scoping meetings and providing comments that were incorporated into this EA.

The Proposed Action would establish a Trails Assessment Working Group comprised of representatives from LANL's management and operations contractor and NNSA; representatives of Los Alamos County, Bandelier National Monument, the Santa Fe National Forest, and the Four Accord Pueblos would be invited to participate. The Trails Assessment Working Group would coordinate land management issues related to trails at LANL through working groups such as the East Jemez Resource Council and would convene as necessary to consult and advise appropriate LANL management personnel on trails management issues.

The Proposed Action would implement a Trails Management Plan that would address cultural resources astride certain trails and some of the trails that are also designated as historic properties on the State Register of Cultural Properties. The planning process would include the identification of cultural resources present along and near each trail. This identification process would include consultation with the four Accord Pueblos regarding the potential presence of TCPs and other traditionally or culturally sensitive areas as identified by these communities. NNSA would seek concurrence from the SHPO regarding mitigation plans for affected cultural resources and trails. If keeping a trail open to recreational use or closing a trail would result in an unavoidable adverse effect to a cultural resource, a data recovery plan would be prepared and the SHPO and appropriate Native American tribes would be consulted before such work commenced.

NNSA has determined that no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the potential effect of the Proposed Action on Federally protected threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat is necessary as there would be no adverse effect to individuals of sensitive species or their critical habitat from the Proposed Action. Actions proposed would be undertaken in accordance with the LANL Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Management Plan for which all necessary ESA compliance has been completed. Should new species be listed under the ESA that occur at LANL, or if areas of LANL become occupied by listed species in the future, these changes to the LANL setting could result in the need for further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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